

Downtown Development Authority
August 15, 2018 - Minutes

Meeting called to order at 8:30am

Those present: Mark L., Josh Q., Sarah B., Josh M.

Josh Q led in prayer.

Agenda Approval: Josh Q made motion to approve. Josh M. Seconded. All approved.

Minutes Approval: Josh M. Made motion to approve. Sarah B. Seconded. All approved.

Grants/Projects: Sarah discussed grant opportunities. Presented an outline of main opportunities. Josh Q. Stated we might have authority as a DDA to issue bonds. Three things to be done residentially: incentives for maintaining property, penalize for not maintaining property, purchase property and restore property. We need to focus in on best way to provide revenue for DDA and city.

Flags/Banners: Initial consideration for brackets and banners was around \$4,000. Now it will be less. Possibly around \$2,500. 10 brackets and 70 banners double sided. Josh M. Will count the polls for flags.

Water Tower: Josh M. Josh Q and Mark L met with 2 representatives from the water authority to discuss design to be put on tower next to new NGCA building. Sarah will talk to Janice Durden about idea for tower. DDA has a desire to match the water tower design with the city banners. Needs approval from East Ellijay City, Ellijay City and Gilmer County to move forward to speak with Water Authority.

Citizens Input:

- Cynthia Michelle not present to discuss pet stations.
- Ken Cowen present to discuss his experience as city manager and finance director in Florida in a city of around 8,000 people with their own water, electricity etc. Ideas were presented on potential next steps for DDA regarding grants, properties and best use of time as a DDA. Ken also discussed how the Lions Club raises money.

Next meeting will be September 5, 2018 at 8:30am. Ken Cowen will join the DDA again for further conversation.

Josh Q made a motion to adjourn the meeting. No discussion. Sarah B. Seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.